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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPT. 1 – SEPT. 7, 2024

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
<https://www.lectionarypage.net/>

**Sunday:** Birthdays: Kelly Gasowski, Allan Marcotullio  
8:00 am **HOLY EUCHARIST**  
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am **HOLY EUCHARIST** *also livestreamed.*  
10:30 am Children's Sunday School

**Tuesday:** Anniversaries: John & Bobbi Palmer  
12:00 pm BAM with Artie

**Wednesday:** Birthdays: Carolyn Wade,  
Jonnette DeMarsico  
Anniversaries: Greg & Kathy Keller  
6:00 pm **HEALING SERVICE**

**Saturday:**  
10:00 am ECW sponsored Line Dancing

Gospel This Sunday:

You Have Let Go Of The  
Commands Of God And  
Are Holding On To The  
Traditions Of Men.”

Mark 7-8

[BibleWordings.com](http://BibleWordings.com)

The Sunday Altar Flowers  
are given to the glory of God  
by Lynn Hatchett for her  
grandchildren's birthday -  
Shauna & Scott.

**COLLECT for this Sunday:** Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

## REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK :

THIS SAT. AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am - Craft: 'How to Sew a Christmas Gift Bag'

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**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
4110 S. Ridgewood Ave.  
Port Orange, FL

*Join us on the first Wed. of every month in our historic chapel:*

**HEALING SERVICE**  
Wednesday, Sept. 4  
at 6:00 pm

*We invite the healing nature of the Holy Spirit into our midst for those who seek prayer for themselves, family, or friends for healing in mind, body or spirit.*



**SAT. SEPTEMBER 7 at 10:00 am**  
**LINE DANCING LESSONS**

ECW is sponsoring a fun morning of Line Dancing lessons. Fun for the whole family! Bring your friends and neighbors, young and young at heart!

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**Bearing Witness**  
A Journey with Holy Land Christians



**STARTING NEXT SUNDAY**  
**SEPT 8 – BETWEEN SERVICES**  
**FIVE-WEEK VIDEO SERIES:**

Bearing Witness is a video-based study program that shares the stories of people living in Palestine and Israel and the remarkable ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem that bring hope and healing in this volatile part of the world.

The program will **start at 9:15** in Goddard Hall. Stay after the 8 am service or come early for the 10:30 service. Grab a cup of coffee and snack at Graceway and join Fr. Gary at the screen end of Goddard Hall.

For more information about this series, click here:

<https://afedj.org/bearingwitness/overview/>



**ECW WORKSHOP – SAT. SEPT 14, 9:30 am**  
**CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING**

We will be assembling Christmas Cards to sell at our Christmas Market on November 2.

ECW has purchased a kit (sample left) to make distinctive, one of a kind Christmas Cards.  
All materials are supplied to make these easy & fabulous cards. Bring a smile and we will have fun!

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**Welcome**  
**New Members**

**Join us for BRUNCH**  
**Sunday, September 22, 2024**  
**12:15 pm**

*Learn about “all things Grace”.  
Hear about our Mission and Vision.  
Meet our clergy, vestry, & ministry leaders.  
Tour the campus and chapel.*

***Sign up in the narthex on Sunday or call the parish office.***  
***386 767-3583***

If you are new to Grace or want to learn more about us, we invite you to join us for Brunch on Sept. 22 after the 10:30 service.

**Please sign up in the narthex by Sept. 15.**

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## NEWCOMER BRUNCH/ORIENTATION INVITATION to MINISTRY LEADERS

The vestry invites ministry leaders to join us on Sunday, September 22.  
Meet with new members and answer questions about your ministry.  
Please sign up in the narthex by Sept. 15.

**ECW  
Invites You:**

# International Potluck Dinner

**Come Bring a dish to share that represents your  
heritage or your favorite country.**

**SAT. SEPT. 28 - 5:00PM**

**Fellowship, Fun & Music**

**Dress International**



**Bring Your Souvenirs**

**Tickets \$5 - includes International Mocktails, &  
Raffle Ticket.**

**Cash Bar for Beer & Wine**

ECW is  
sponsoring  
this Fun  
Fellowship  
Event on Sept.  
28.

Bring an  
International  
Main Dish or  
Dessert to  
share.

Tickets \$5.00  
per person.

Bring your  
favorite travel  
souvenirs for  
your table  
decor. Great  
for  
conversations!

**Tickets go on  
sale this  
Sunday, Sept. 1**

## SENIOR LIVING SYMPOSIUM

SAT. OCT. 5 at 10:00 am – Goddard Hall

### WHAT YOU THINK YOU KNOW, BUT DON'T KNOW.

A panel of local professionals who will answer questions and give education and advice on:

- Senior resources
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Insurance & pharmacy coverage
- Progressive medical research options
- In-home private duty care
- Identifying independent/ assisted living/memory care options
- Hospice & palliative care resources

SAVE THE DATE

This event is sponsored by the ECW and open to all your family and friends.

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### OCTOBER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES STARTS WEDNESDAYS, OCT. 9

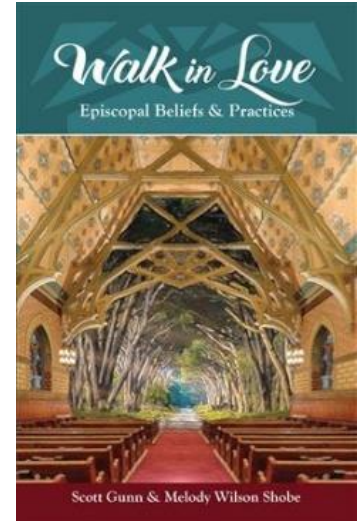
Fr. Gary and Rev. Jonnette will conduct a four-week Christian Education series in Goddard Hall after the Wednesday evening services.

The study is based on the book: **WALK IN LOVE – EPISCOPAL BELIEFS AND PRACTICES** by Scott Gunn. You do not have to purchase the book.

This study program also serves as the required Christian Education to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

Stay tuned for more information.

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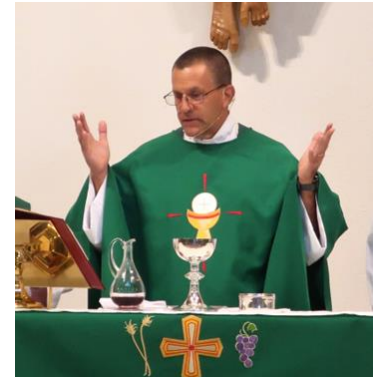




### REV. DAVE'S FIRST SERVICE, LAST SUNDAY at 8:00 am

Congratulations to Rev. Dave Whitman for celebrating his first Eucharist Service last Sunday.

He also had the opportunity to blessed newly knitted Prayer Shawls. He shared the profound impact on both himself, and Rev. Stephanie when they personally received Prayer Shawls from Grace.



**OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is a beautiful expression of faith and compassion, embodying the spirit of healing and support within Grace.

These shawls, crafted with care and blessed with prayer, serve as a tangible symbol of our commitment to comfort those in need. It is the hope of this ministry that these shawls, prayerfully knitted or crocheted, will bring comfort and healing, and that it will feel like the arms of Jesus enfolding the person in love.

Please contact Audrey Rajter at 386 788-6801 if you know someone who would be comforted by receiving a prayer shawl or if you would like to join this ministry.

### GRACE CHURCH MEMBERS PARTICIPATING in CENTRAL FLORIDA KAIROS OUTSIDE RETREAT on OCT. 25- 27<sup>th</sup>.



The women who attend Kairos Outside Retreats are family members of someone incarcerated or have previously been incarcerated themselves.

Rev. Jonnette DeMarsico, Veronica Payne and Terri Malia are volunteering their time as team members for this retreat, helping to bring the message of Christ's love and forgiveness.

Kairos Outside is a compassionate and supportive ministry program designed specifically for women who have been impacted by the incarceration of a loved one. They are not financially able to pay for their weekend and the cost is covered by our Christian community.

If you would like to support this ministry, please send your tax-deductible check to: KO of Central Florida/PO Box 983, Deland, FL 32721. <https://kairosoutsidenc.org/>



## ECW CRAFT & SUMMER EVENTS -10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join us in Goddard Hall on the first and third Sat. of each month through Oct. We will be making crafts for our Nov. 2 Christmas Market as well as events for fellowship/learning. Men, women, friends, family – all welcome!

### ACTIVITIES

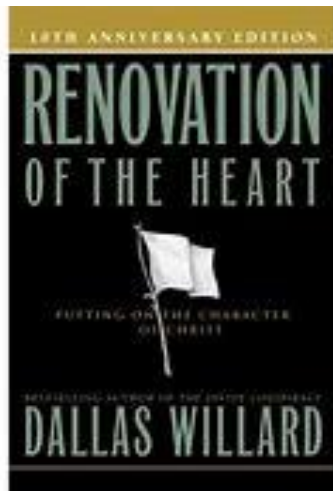
### LEAD

#### SEPT:

7 <sup>th</sup> :	Line Dancing Class	Diane Genrich
14 <sup>th</sup>	Card Making Workshop - encore	Jeanne & Amy
21 <sup>st</sup> :	<del>Craft- Making Fascinator Small Hair Clips</del>	<b>Canceled – to be rescheduled .</b>

#### OCT:

5 <sup>th</sup> :	Senior Living Symposium: 'What You Think You Know, But Don't Know'	Assisted Living/Estelle
19 <sup>th</sup> :	Craft- 'Making Christmas Gift Jars'	Freeda and Sandy



### *From Fr. Gary's Sermon last Sunday:*

“**VIM** is an acronym coined by the influential Christian philosopher and theologian Dallas Willard. VIM captures the essential aspects of spiritual formation and personal growth.

**Vision:** Vision refers to our perspective, ideas, and worldview. It is about understanding the bigger picture—the overarching purpose and direction of our lives.

**Intention:** Intention speaks to our commitment and agency. It is about making deliberate choices aligned with our vision. Many Christians attend church, engage in Bible studies, and

participate in ministry activities. While these are good, they can only impact us to a certain extent. True transformation requires more - a direct engagement with the Holy Spirit that goes beyond mere willpower.

**Means:** Means are the practical pathways through which transformation occurs. They are the intentional practices and disciplines that open us up to God's work in our hearts and minds. These means include prayer, scripture reading, worship, solitude, community, and other spiritual practices. When we actively participate in these means, we position ourselves for growth and inner change.”

<https://cornerstone-coc.com/blog/2021/04/16/vision-intention-and-means>

**HUM PANTRY – ON-GOING NEED.**

**CEREAL**

*Look for Bogos and bring the extra box to the church narthex, pantry, or office. Thank you!*

**GRACE CHURCH PET FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

**Dry or Wet Cat & Dog Food  
Dog/Cat Treats  
Gallon Ziploc Slider Style Bags**

*For monetary donations, make checks out to “Grace Episcopal Church” with “Pet Food Pantry” on the memo line.*

**Thank you from the Outreach Ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**



**QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Many parishioners are finding it more convenient to donate to Grace electronically. This QR code will connect you to Donor Box which accepts Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and credit and debit cards. It is also printed on your 2024 Pledge Card. Note: this QR code is on your bulletin each Sun.



**“We are the Church of Open Arms.  
We are a community that celebrates  
Jesus.**

**We are disciples committed to  
growth: in membership, in outreach,  
and in stewardship.**

**We glorify God and empower people for service.”**



**ECW EMAIL** -All Grace women are automatically members of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW), our very active service and fellowship ministry. We maintain a separate e-mailing list to send out requests and news for specific ECW events. If you would like to be included in the ECW e-mail list, please send your name and email address to [ecwgrace@gmail.com](mailto:ecwgrace@gmail.com).



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**Sunday, September 1**

*Psalm 150 Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his surpassing greatness. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. (vv.1b-2, 6a NIV)*

The introduction to this psalm tells us to praise God everywhere in every way and suggests trumpet, harp, lyre, tambourine, dancing, strings, flute, cymbals: clashing and resounding. This word of encouragement goes straight to my heart of thanksgiving after being isolated with sudden back pain after a week of joy caring for our 4-month-old granddaughter and arriving home to celebrate a public achievement award my son had helped earn.

When I awoke to pain that required God's help to get out of bed, I prayed, "Help me, Jesus." Then I reminded myself out loud, "The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want" through the final verse, "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Psalm 23:1, 6). After asking our parish intercessors to pray, reaching out to my doctor, and shooting up a prayer of provision upon my nurse/husband, I sat weeping in thanksgiving that God was leading the attack against my enemies of fear, pain, and confusion.

No available trumpet nor harp nor ability to dance but, in God's presence, I had no fear; just peace and His wisdom to rest and receive from others. And, I continue to praise God from whom all blessings flow and thank Jesus for being with me on our journey out of all valleys.

Job 11:1-9, 13-20; Psalms 148, 149; Revelation 5:1-14; Matthew 5:1-12

**Monday, September 2**

*Acts 11:19-30 The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. (vv.21, 23-24)*

As the good news about the Lord Jesus spread from Jews to Greeks, the church in Jerusalem sends Barnabas, one of the seventy whom Jesus Christ sent out in pairs "like lambs among wolves" (Luke 10:3) to Antioch. Barnabas sees the evidence of God's grace—many accepting Christ as their Savior—and rejoices. Then he continually encourages them to persevere in prayer and to obey the Lord with all their hearts. It was here in Antioch that all Christ followers were first called Christians.

Barnabas, "Son of Encouragement," had no formula. He knew the power of a clinging love relationship with the Christ who loves us and gave himself up for us. Barnabas' depended upon Jesus Christ as Savior and Redeemer. "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God" (Psalm 25:1).

Sounds like being a Barnabas to others is what Christians do. "Help me, Jesus, love others with the love you have shared with me" is my first thought. How about you?

Job 12:1-6, 13-25; Psalm 25; John 8:21-32

### **Tuesday, September 3**

Acts 12:1-17 *He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches..."* (vv.2, 5, 11)

Here we see two ways God's sovereignty can be expressed: physical rescue or no physical rescue. Peter is released from prison and certain death while the church is urgently pleading to God. James is not rescued and dies professing his faith in Jesus Christ. Both James and Peter remained faithful and obedient to God.

We believe that God *is* sovereign, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent; that God uses our plans to fulfill his purposes and that God's will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. So, our response is to continue praying earnestly, remaining faithful and obedient to God, regardless of the outcome.

To me, it is surrendering the issue into the hands of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and not altering course. Recalling the miraculous birth of my grandson, who struggled for 6 minutes before delivery, I prayed with passion in distress, aware of possible outcomes, and entrusted every facet of his healing into the hands of Jesus Christ, my Lord, my Savior, and my Redeemer. "Hear my cry for mercy as I call for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place" (Psalm 28:2).

Job 12:1, 13:3-17, 21-27; Psalm 26; John 8:33-47

### **Wednesday, September 4**

Acts 12:18-25 *They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. But the word of God continued to increase and spread.* (vv.22-24)

Herod dies because of his pride and self-serving behavior, misunderstanding the crowd's assertion, and neither rebuking them nor rejecting their flattery. We see God's response to the sin of blasphemy. Herod was no longer able to suppress the spread of the Good News of the gospel.

The common thread of these disciples was Christ and God's word continued to increase and spread. Paul's perspective: "I planted the seed, Apollo's watered it, but God made it grow" (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Look around you, your family, your friends, your church, your community... What are you doing to show others the grace of God in Jesus Christ—his love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. Be bold and act with me, I pray. We do our best; God does the rest.

Job 12:1, 14:1-22; Psalm 38; John 8:47-59

### **Thursday, September 5**

Acts 13:1-12 *"Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.* (vv.10c-12)

Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit when he discerned that Elymas the sorcerer (that is what his name means) was a child of the devil, an enemy of all that is right, and full of deceit and trickery. Then Paul spoke a direct and specific word of judgment from God causing Elymas'

blindness. That event opened the proconsul's eyes to see and his heart to believe the teaching of Jesus Christ, because he was amazed at God's word in action.

Deeds and words coming together are essential for us to believe in our hearts. Every word in the Bible is truth for us. Yet, the word needs to be acted upon for belief, right? Recalling the anger that became a bitter root of unforgiveness in me years ago, it was difficult to let it go, as it impacted my family's life. I "worded" myself without relief until I finally opened the door of my heart to Jesus for help in action.

Sitting in a Bible study one day, I was overwhelmed with all the ways others were experiencing the presence and action of God in and around them. That's what I wanted. So, I asked. "I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts" (Hebrews 8:10a). God's grace in Christ Jesus wrote his law on my heart and forgiveness and blessing followed.

Job 16:16-22, 17:1, 13-16; Psalm 37:1-18; John 9:1-17

### **Friday, September 6**

John 9:18-41 *"He is a prophet. Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then, the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped him. (vv.17b, 25, 33, 35-38)*

On the road Jesus sees a blind man from birth as disciples wonder who sinned. Jesus proceeds to put mud with saliva on the blind man's eyes and instructs him to wash in the pool of Siloam; the man washes and sees for the first time. The Pharisees' attention is alerted; they proceed to interrogate the man several times and his parents. But the man who can now see will not be diverted from telling his story and the pharisees still don't see that this man who healed the blind man has to be from God.

The blind man could see that the presence of his Lord and his Messiah brings healing in spirit, soul, and body. He worshipped him. He tells a bit of my story, too. Years ago, I was blind and called out to Jesus in desperation; he was my provider and he wasn't providing. He came to me in a ball of fire in my backyard. I knew I wasn't alone; I worshipped.

"Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief" (Psalm 31:10). "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory now and forever! Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Job 19:1-7, 14-27; Psalm 31; Acts 13:13-25

### **Saturday, September 7**

John 10:1-18 *"Very truly, I am the gate for the sheep. I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord." (vv.7, 9, 11, 14-18)*

"I am" is repeated 3 times; "the good shepherd" is repeated 3 times; "I know, my sheep know, the Father knows, I know the Father" is repeated 4 times; and "lays down his life, lays down my life, lays it down" for the sheep is repeated 4 times. Here is a picture of God's grace in Jesus

Christ in word and in deed: the intimate relationship between Father and Son, Jesus' love and obedience to his Father, Jesus' love for us that assures our protection with his own life.

Each of us has a window into the presence and power of a loving God who promises to always be with us and for us in new life In Christ every day: abundant life received, not because we deserve it or earned it, but because of our Good, Good Shepherd.

Let's celebrate God's deliverance from our sins, pride, suffering, confusion, and.... "I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me" (Psalm 30:1-2).

Job 22:1-4, 21—23:7; Psalms 30, 32; Acts 13:26-43

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